

## 75 AUTOS ENTER FLORAL PARADE

Prizes Awarded for Best Decorated Cars in Colored Business Men's Procession.

After having reviewed the seventy-five cars of the colored, floral automobile parade held along Pennsylvania avenue last night from the big twin-touring car of Joseph Berberich, the judges awarded silver loving cups to the drivers of the prettiest cars in the three divisions of the procession. Joseph Berberich was chairman of the board of judges and donor of the first prize cup given for the prettiest pleasure car. He and the other judges—H. C. Gessford, inspector of the Metropolitan police; J. C. Dowell, and Edward Volght, Jr.—awarded the first prize to A. J. Thomas, whose car was decorated with flowers, lights, and daisies. After a speech to the judges, Mr. Thomas rendered a few trombone solos for the benefit of the crowd.

The second prize, donated by the Ebbitt Walters' Association for the best commercial entry, was awarded to Howard A. Thomas, whose auto repairing shop is in the rear of 1620 O street. Third prize from an anonymous donor was given the National Benefit Association entry for the second prettiest commercial entry. Fourth prize, the Powell Cup, went to Charles Davis for the second prettiest pleasure car. The Carmody Cup was awarded as a special prize to the Ebbitt Walters' Association for having the largest representation in the association division.

Charles L. Skinner, automobile editor of the Washington Bee, was grand marshal and worked hard in managing the parade. The procession started from Thirteenth and S street, headed by the First Separate Battalion National Guard Band in a large auto truck, and went across the city to the

## U. S. in Position Now to End War, Neutral Diplomats Say

Envoys Here Believe Germany's Proposed Basis Is Reasonable Enough to Justify Allies in Considering an Armistice Proposition.

Neutral diplomats in Washington who have been observing closely the coming peace and have studied the utterances from the chancelleries of the belligerent countries stated yesterday that the United States has sufficient information to warrant it in taking a definite step toward ending the European war. These diplomats agree that Germany has indicated the basis on which she would consent to a discussion of peace terms, and that while some of its phases are dictated from purely a national rather than continental policy, the basis proposed is reasonable enough to justify the allies in considering an armistice.

The terms Germany offers as a basis for peace negotiations, according to neutral diplomats, follow:

### ATHENAEUM MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Spanish-American Athenaeum will hold its last monthly meeting for the season at the house of Secretary Lansing on Wednesday evening. Invitation is by card only.

The following program will be given: "Modern Spanish Drama," Rabbi Abram Simon; song, with piano accompaniment, Mrs. Rosario M. de Morrison; "Life of Gen. Nemesio y Pardo," Senator Thomas B. Catron, of New Mexico; "Spanish Dances of Granada," Mrs. Marie Von Unschuld; "The Age of Alfonso in Castilian Literature," Bishop Charles Warriner; songs, Miss Marie L. Becker, with Mrs. Duff at the piano.

Surrender of all French territories, constituting one-tenth of France, now occupied by German armies.

Surrender of Belgium, with the guarantee that the Belgian kingdom shall never enter into secret arrangements with other powers directed against peace and safety of Germany.

Retention of part of the Baltic provinces captured from Russia.

Liberation of Poland from Russian rule and restoration of the independence of the Polish people.

Serbia, being considered the international mischief-maker, the perpetual disturber of peace in Europe, must disappear, her territory to be divided between Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and possibly Greece.

Montenegro's territorial integrity will be assured, and she will receive a part of Albania.

The Italo-Austrian frontier will be rectified.

Germany will receive compensation in Africa for the restoration of French and Belgian territory. The Belgian Congo, the French Congo, and the Portuguese colonies would satisfy her. The Portuguese colonies already have been divided theoretically between Great Britain and Germany.

Germany does not expect the return of Klau-Chau in China or of the islands in the Pacific Ocean taken by the Japanese forces.

Germany will neither demand nor pay indemnities.

Germany will assent to a feasible limitation of armaments and to measures for reducing militarism.

Germany will demand freedom of the seas, which would mean protection for commerce in time of war.

## NAVAL BUDGET IS DEFENDED

Chairman Padgett Says \$160,000,000 Is Sufficient for One Session.

The problems with which the United States will be confronted at the close of the war and the steps in the way of naval preparedness proposed to meet them furnished the general topic of discussion in the opening debate on the naval bill which was taken up in the House yesterday.

Republican members emphasized the necessity for a strong navy, pointing to the possibility of grave international complications in the relations of the United States with European nations growing out of the struggle for commercial development, the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine, and the solution of the Mexican problem.

The naval bill, including the building program, was defended by Representative Padgett, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, who outlined the policy followed by the committee and replied to the attacks of the Republican members who demand more ships.

Mr. Padgett gave as one reason why the building program had been limited to \$160,000,000 that it was a sufficient amount to be provided at one session of Congress. In response to the questions of Democrats who wished to know if, in view of the abandonment of the administration's five-year program, the naval bill met with the approval of the President and Secretary of the Navy, Chairman Padgett said that the impression that both were satisfied with the bill.

He said that he had not discussed the subject with the President, but added: "The Navy Department is tickled to death over the bill. I have a letter from Secretary Daniels complimenting the committee on its magnificent work."

### Calls Amount Sufficient.

As to the general policy which guided the deliberations of the majority members of the committee, Mr. Padgett said: "I want to submit to this House the proposition that \$160,000,000 for the increase of the navy, at one session of Congress, is a sufficient amount in the aggregate to be devoted to the building of the navy. Two hundred and forty-one million dollars, nearly a quarter of a billion, is enough to be carried in the naval appropriation bill at one session of Congress."

Representative Foss, of Illinois, former chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, asserted that the foreign policy of the United States was strong only when there was a navy to back it up.

The one pacific proposal in the bill which provides for the calling of an international conference by the President of the United States to discuss means for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration was warmly advocated by Representative Hensley, of Missouri, one of the "little navy" members of the committee.

### WAR BREAKS UP BIG ENGLISH ESTATES

Owners Are Forced by High Taxes to Dispose of Holdings—Farmers Doing Well.

Special Correspondence to The Washington Herald, London, May 27.—"Country life in England will undergo and is undergoing a revolution such as England has not witnessed since the Norman Conquest."

In these words Frank Hirst, editor of the Economist and one of the leading authorities on economic subjects in England, summed up one of the most striking effects of the war. What he means is that the country gentlemen of the old school are disappearing, squeezed out by the high taxation, the death duties, and killed off in many instances in the service of their country. Their places are being taken by men who have grown rich in supplying goods that are needed by England's immense armies, or who are making tremendous profits out of the necessities of the people by taking advantage of the conditions created by the war.

"What will happen to the stately mansions of England after the war?" Mr. Hirst asked. He answered his question as follows:

"In individual cases the answer depends on the investments of the owners. A man who has invested in Brazil or Mexico is in a specially sad way, while the man who has put his money in ships or coal is very fortunate indeed. But on the whole the fate of the landed gentry and of the country seats depends on taxes."

"Taxes have already risen high enough to make it certain that most large houses will be let or for sale, for most country people before the war had places which fitted their income, with a comfortable margin for savings or special expenditure. Most of them will have to move into smaller houses if they can find tenants or purchasers. The doubling and trebling of the income tax has swept away the margin, and the higher the flood of taxation rises the fewer country seats will remain unsubmerged."

### SERVICE SCHOOL WOMEN ON TRIP TO MT. VERNON

Carrying the wreath presented by Mrs. George Dewey, wife of Admiral Dewey, more than 20 students of the National Service School camp yesterday made a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon. The wreath was placed on the tomb of George Washington with simple memorial exercises. Mrs. Samuel Murray acted as chairman and charwoman of the pilgrimage.

The usual observance of Sunday as a day of rest will be carried out at the camp today. A large number of the students have made arrangements to visit friends in Washington or go on sight-seeing tours during the afternoon. Others will be engaged in farewell tea and luncheon parties.

The lectures for tomorrow afternoon include addresses by Mrs. Flora McDonald Thompson on "Home Economics" and Miss Atwater on "Woman's Labor and Waste."

The camp will be brought officially to a close on Tuesday afternoon with addresses by Mrs. Hugh Scott and Mrs. George Barnett, honorary commandants; Mrs. Gibson Fahnstock and Mrs. Sidney Ballou, honorary aids, and Mrs. C. L. Hussey, paymaster.

### ART PRIZES AWARDED.

Corcoran Gallery Announces Winner of Exhibition.

The judges of the annual exhibition of the pupils of the Corcoran Gallery of Art last night announced the following winners:

Life and antique classes—gold medal, Douglas R. Hansen; bronze medal, Mrs. Hope D. Wagner; portrait classes—silver medal, Miss Edith M. Harris; honorable mention, Miss Constance Weaver and James B. Richardson; draped life class—silver medal, Miss Constance Weaver and Miss Alice Erice; still life class—silver medal, Miss Edith M. Harris; honorable mention, Mrs. C. L. Drake and C. G. Abbott; composition class—silver medal, Miss Edith M. Harris; honorable mention, Mrs. C. L. Drake and Mrs. C. G. Abbott; water color class—silver medal, Mrs. Myron A. Cole; honorable mention, Miss Lottie L. Fahrenbruch and Miss E. S. Thomas.

The judges were: Paul W. Bartlett, chairman, and John W. Breyfogle and Hugh H. Breckinridge.

### NAVY BOARD TO PROBE CONSERVATION OF OIL

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has appointed a board to investigate the question of conservation of fuel supply for oil-burning vessels of the navy. The board, it was announced yesterday, will be composed of Rear Admiral John R. Edwards, Lieut. Comdr. Louis C. Richardson and Lieut. Comdr. John R. Halligan. Special study will be given to the administration's "conservation measure" now pending before the Senate which contains a rider restoring to oil operators the title to oil lands within the government's reservations.

It was stated yesterday at the Navy Department that the present rate of exhaustion of the oil supply is such that provision had to be made several years ago to anticipate the navy's needs. Former President Taft sought to protect the navy's future needs by an executive order withdrawing certain oil lands in California.

## NEW FRENCH AERO SPEEDIEST OF ALL

Bleriot's "Spad" Travels 133 Miles an Hour on Trial Trips—Motor of New Type.

Paris, May 27.—Vague reports recently appeared in the French press to the effect that a new aeroplane had broken the world's speed record on two trial trips, having reached a speed of 22 kilometers (more than 133 miles) an hour. Inquiry in aviation circles connected the well known name of Bleriot with the new machine.

M. Bleriot's new machine is known as the "Spad" from the initials of the name of the company, "Societe pour l'Aviation et ses Derivatives." One form of it has the propeller placed within the body

Spad which has proved very successful work, about one-third the distance from the forward end. This allows the pilot, seated in front of it, a perfectly free view all around him and gives his mitrailleuse, placed at the very front, a perfectly free field.

This machine, however, is not the one which has established the new speed record. Nothing may as yet be printed about the newest Spad except perhaps that its lines are much like the Baby Nieuport, which has proved so successful as a destroyer and that its engine is the last word in aeroplane engines.

M. Bleriot has with him as collaborator M. Becherault, the engineer who made the Deperdussin aeroplanes, which were carrying everything before them before the war.

Excellent as the new Spad undoubtedly is, it is not going to have everything its own way. The Farman brothers have a new machine, also on Baby Nieuport lines, which has given extraordinary results in its tests, and nearly a dozen other new machines have reached the stage of being ready for tests for acceptance by the army.

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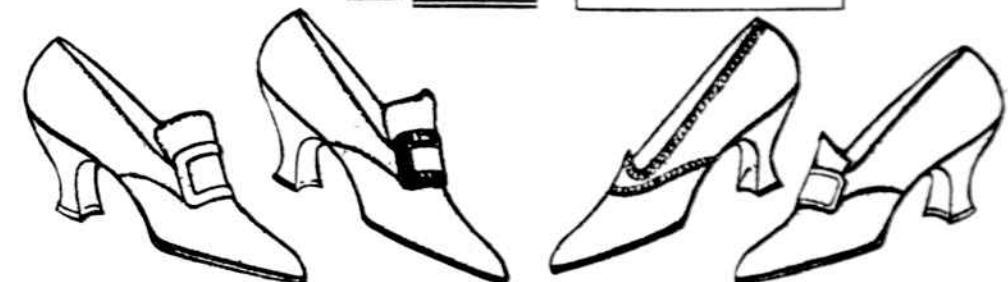
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| \$2.50 Women's White Canvas Sport English Lace Boots, with rubber soles and heels.....            | \$1.69 | Sizes 5 to 8.....  | 79c    |
| \$1.50 Women's White Canvas Pumps, with silk ribbon bows; Cuban heels.....                        | 98c    | Sizes 8 1/2 to 11.....   | 89c    |
|   |        | Sizes 11 1/2 to 2.....   | 98c    |
|   |        | \$4.50 Women's White Kid and Nubuck High-cut Lace Boots, white soles and heels.....            | \$3.45 |
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